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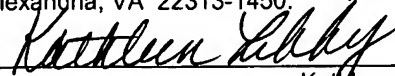
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ABSTRACT

An OSD composite image decoding apparatus includes a selection device for selecting plural types of decoded image data, a conversion device for converting the selected decoded image data to 1080i, a generating device for generating OSD for 1080i to be synchronously superimposed on the format-converted image data, and a superimposing device for superimposing the generated OSD for 1080i and the image data format-converted to the 1080i image resolution format on each other. The apparatus also includes a converter for converting the superimposed 1080i image data to 480p or 480i, a switching device for switching between 1080i, 480p and 480i for each of output terminals, and a processing device for informing the selection device of decoded image data desired to be decoded and instructing the switching device to perform switching so that the decoded image data becomes suited to the image resolution format of an externally connected display device.